

Developmental Screening Communication Collaborative

Purpose: To develop common language for families to better understand and discuss developmental screening and assessment.

What are developmental screenings and why should your child be screened?

Developmental screening provides a quick check of your child's development through a series of questions. The information you supply will help reveal your child's strengths, and determine if your child is progressing as expected. It can also help determine if there are community resources or services that may be useful for your child and family.

Who can perform developmental screenings?

Developmental screenings are done throughout your community by health care professionals, child care providers, home visiting providers and professionals in school settings.

You can also screen your child by dialing 2-1-1 for Help Me Grow Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or sending a text message to 302-231-1464.

For more information on developmental screenings and where your child can receive a screening, please visit the following websites:

Developmental Screening Information: <http://dethrives.com/>

Child Development Watch (CDW): <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/chs/chscdw.html>

Frequently asked questions:

If my child is receiving services through Child Development Watch and has an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), do I need a developmental screening?

No, your child has already received a developmental screening through a Multidisciplinary Assessment (MDA). By gathering information about your child through observations and conversations, you and your IFSP team identified your child's unique strengths and needs. This information was used to develop the outcomes and services identified on your IFSP.

If my child is receiving services through the school district and has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), do I need to get a developmental screening?

You should speak with your child's teacher, or the district's Child Find Coordinator to determine if your child would benefit from developmental screening.